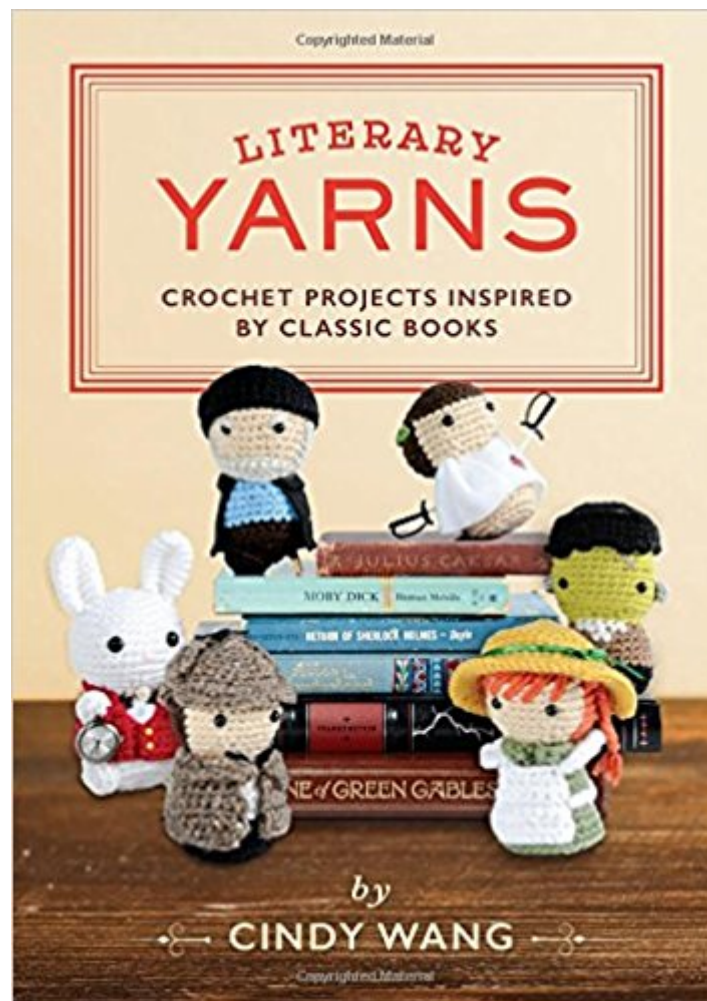


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# Literary Yarns: Crochet Projects Inspired By Classic Books



## Synopsis

Crochet adorable *amigurumi* figures inspired by classic literature. Featuring 22 crocheted dolls drawn from 16 beloved novels and plays, this easy-to-follow craft book is perfect for bibliophiles and crafters of all skill levels. Literature lovers can decorate bookshelves, proclaim a love of reading, and show off crafting skills with adorable *amigurumi*, sweet crocheted characters that are simple to make and impossible to resist! All that's needed are a few readily available materials and beginner crochet skills, and soon you'll be hanging out with your favorite characters from classic literature. Take tea with a charming Elizabeth Bennet. Decorate the Christmas tree with a grumpy Ebenezer Scrooge. Solve mysteries with the help of a pocket-sized Sherlock Holmes. Bring Prince Hamlet to a play. And just try to keep Huck Finn out of trouble!

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## Customer Reviews

“Cindy Wang, a crochet wiz who runs a blog called The Geeky Hooker, is an expert in *amigurumi*. Her new book, *Literary Yarns: Crochet Projects Inspired by Classic Books*, is a how-to guide for crafty book nerds. *Mental Floss* “Armed with yarn and a crochet hook, Wang is delighting all of us one doll at a time. *Houston Chronicle* “Amigurumi—the Japanese art of crafting small figures—meets classic literature in this delightful collection from crochet designer Wang. *Library Journal* “

Cindy Wang is a healthcare professional by day and a crochet ninja by night. She blogs at [geekyhooker.wordpress.com](http://geekyhooker.wordpress.com), where she is known for amigurumi superheroes, movie characters, monsters, and more.

I taught myself to crochet many years ago and about five years ago, I discovered crocheting amigurumi. I haven't looked back since. I make the little guys for my grandchildren. They love to play with them and their mother and I both like that I can make them of machine washable materials. This book of amigurumi is mostly aimed at a different group as many of the stories are for a young adult to adult audience. In *Literary Yarns*, yarn artist Cindy Wang has created projects which bring to life sixteen different tales. While most of the projects include only one person/creature, some, like the *Wizard of Oz* have as many as four. While stitches are not diagrammed, the other techniques used in the book are. These are projects I would consider advisable for intermediate and above. If you are new to crochet, be sure to look for good stitch diagrams elsewhere and hopefully have someone to ask questions of as you proceed through the book. The projects (and the tales they are based on) are: Elizabeth Bennet (*Pride and Prejudice*; my personal favorite book); Dorothy (with silver slippers as the book but you can make them ruby color if you choose), Cowardly Lion, Scarecrow and Tin Woodman (*The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*); White Rabbit (*Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*); Sherlock Holmes - who looks a tad like Benedict Comberbatch to me (*The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*); Ebenezer Scrooge (*A Christmas Carol*); Jay Gatsby and Daisy Buchanan (*The Great Gatsby*); Hester Prynne (*The Scarlet Letter*), Quasimodo and Esmeralda (*The Hunchback of Notre-Dame*); Captain Ahab and Moby Dick (*Moby Dick*); Anne Shirley (*Anne of Green Gables*); Napoleon (*Animal Farm*); Prince Hamlet (*The Tragedy of Hamlet*); Julius Caesar (*The Tragedy of Julius Caesar*); Frankenstein's Monster (*Frankenstein*); Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde (I love how this one has a two sided face! *Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*) and Huckleberry Finn (*Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*).

This is a small book, about the size of a thin hardback novel. The pages are nice and thick and the photography is really nice. The book starts with some basic crochet and amigurumi techniques. There are lots of step by step photos. Then the book goes on to the literary characters. At the beginning of each character, the author cleverly takes a quote from the book the character is in and changes it a little bit to make it have to do with crochet, for example for Sherlock Holmes, she starts with "It has long been an axiom of mine that the little stitches are infinitely the most important". Very cute. She then tells the name of the book, the year it was published and writes a little bit about the character. This book is definitely going to appeal to someone who likes to read. There are 16 characters in the book - Elizabeth Bennet, Dorothy, Cowardly Lion, Scarecrow, and Tin Woodsman, White Rabbit, Sherlock Holmes, Ebenezer Scrooge, Jay Gatsby and Daisy Buchanan, Hester Prynne, Quasimodo and Esmeralda, Captain Ahab and Moby Dick, Anne Shirley, Napoleon, Prince Hamlet, Julius Caesar, Frankenstein's Monster, Dr. Jekyll and Mr Hyde and Huckleberry Finn. All of the characters are pictured with their book, which would be a great gift idea. I haven't made any of the characters, so I can't say anything about the instructions, but I think if you know a little about amigurumi it would be easy to figure out. This is a great book for readers or for someone who'd like to make gifts for friends who like reading.

"Literary Yarns: Crochet Projects Inspired by Classic Books..." by Cindy Wang is a small book but it is packed with great patterns. M's Wang has produced a lovely tribute to various works of fiction, including "Anne of Green Gables" and "Moby Dick". There are 22 patterns that represent 16 works of fiction. The photography is beautiful. M's Wang gives you a little information about the character and the book represented. There are "quotes" from the book that are twisted to include crochet which for me is cute. (Others may not). The instructions are clear, concise and easy to follow. The results are really sweet. Who doesn't want to have Sherlock Holmes in their pocket? Or maybe Frankenstein's Monster for those especially trying days. I especially like the characters from "The Wizard of Oz". I have seen the kits and have been a little hesitant to buy them due to my belief it's a lot of money for a little bit of yarn. Now I can create my own "Wizard of Oz" characters with the yarn I have in my stash. I recommend "Literary Yarns: Crochet Projects Inspired by Classic Books" highly to any crocheter who likes quick impressive projects.

LITERARY YARNS: CROCHET PROJECTS INSPIRED BY CLASSIC BOOKS is a cute collection of simple-to-make crocheted dolls. Designer Cindy Wang is very imaginative in using alterations in

accessories, yarn colors, and hair styles to make the little dolls all look different, even though they're mostly variations on one basic shape. They certainly resemble the literary figures that inspired them! The literary dolls are as follows: Elizabeth Bennett; Dorothy, Cowardly Lion, Scarecrow, and Tin Man; White Rabbit; Sherlock Holmes; Ebenezer Scrooge; Jay Gatsby and Daisy Buchanan; Hester Prynne; Quasimodo and Esmeralda; Captain Ahab and Moby Dick; Anne Shirley; Napoleon the Pig (Animal Farm); Prince Hamlet; Julius Caesar; Frankenstein's Monster; Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde; and Huckleberry Finn. I think that the White Rabbit (shown on the cover, at the left) is my favorite, but I like all of the dolls.

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